

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize milestone events in
4 the history of businesses in the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, Spartan Light Metal Products, Inc. is
6 celebrating its 40th anniversary of service; and

7 WHEREAS, Spartan Light Metal Products, Inc., originally
8 Spartan Aluminum Products, was founded in 1961 by Henry
9 Jubel, who previously served as operations executive for an
10 automotive piston manufacturer in St. Charles, Missouri; Mr.
11 Jubel started his business in Sparta, Illinois, by purchasing
12 two used diecast machines from his former employers and
13 hiring 20 employees from Sparta and the surrounding
14 communities; and

15 WHEREAS, Spartan Light Metal Products, Inc. has built a
16 reputation on a commitment to quality, customer service, and
17 innovation; some of Spartan's major milestones include,
18 becoming the first business to cast 390 aluminum, a new high
19 silicon hypereutectic alloy developed by Reynolds Aluminum
20 and General Motors; in 1978, Spartan began diecasting
21 magnesium with some of the first hot chamber machines
22 available; in 1980, Spartan was the first diecaster in the
23 United States to install a magnesium remelt facility which
24 allowed the return of sprues, runners, and scrap castings to
25 be transformed into high purity magnesium; in 1986 Spartan
26 installed its first Computer Aided Design System; in 1988,
27 Spartan established a Quality Center to validate the
28 performance of its products; by the early 1990s, Spartan had
29 installed a computerized monitoring device for process
30 control of all of its diecast machines; and

31 WHEREAS, Other Spartan milestones include the opening of
32 a second fully automated magnesium diecasting plant in

1 Mexico, Missouri in 1995, a full ISO 9001/QS 9000
2 registration in 1997, and in 1998, Spartan was granted Full
3 Service Supplier status at Ford, which allows Spartan to
4 design the customer's products; and

5 WHEREAS, Throughout the 1980s and 1990s, Spartan has been
6 the recipient of numerous awards such as the Ford Q-1 award,
7 General Motors Mark of Excellence, QSP award, and the Toyota
8 Certificate of Achievement; and

9 WHEREAS, Today, Spartan Light Metal Products, Inc.
10 employs over 700 people at plants in Sparta, Illinois and
11 Mexico, Missouri; it is recognized by many corporations such
12 as Toyota, Honda, Ford, and General Motors as a leading
13 manufacturer of quality diecast products; and

14 WHEREAS, Henry Jubel's work ethic, integrity, and belief
15 in helping others grow has helped Spartan Light Metal
16 Products, Inc. grow and continue enjoying its success; Mr.
17 Jubel's son, Donald Jubel, along with an experienced
18 management team is continuing his father's legacy, which is
19 the commitment to perpetuate the values and principles upon
20 which the Spartan company was founded; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
22 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
23 we congratulate Spartan Light Metal Products, Inc. management
24 and employees on the celebration of their 40th anniversary;
25 and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
27 presented to Donald Jubel as an expression of our esteem.